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THIRD SUSPECT ARRESTED IN JULY 24 MURDER

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a third suspect in the July 24 murder of Luis Espinoza.

On July 24, 2012, at about 3:15 p.m., Espinoza was shot to death at an apartment in the 100 block of West Fir Street. The suspects fled the scene, but two were stopped by a CHP officer in El Cajon and subsequently arrested. Ruben Acosta, Sr. (41) and his son, Rodney Acosta (18), have been in custody since that time.

A warrant was issued for Ruben Acosta, Jr.'s arrest, but detectives believed he had fled to Mexico. Last night, at approximately 7:40 p.m., United States Marshals and Mexican law enforcement officers detained Acosta, Jr. in the Colonia Libertad neighborhood of Tijuana. Acosta, Jr., an American citizen, was returned to the United States, where homicide detectives took custody of him. Acosta, Jr. (18) was booked into County Jail for one count of murder and one count of attempted murder.

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